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REPORTS

FROM THE

TRUSTEES,

THE

MANAGING COMMITTEE,

AND THE

PHYSICIANS,

CONCERNING THE

*House of Recovery or Fever Hospital,*

Cork-Street, Dublin.

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ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

SUBSCRIBERS

FOR THE

*ERECTION*

OF AN

House of Recovery or Fever Hospital,

*erected into on the 23th October 1801, at the  
Royal Exchange, which was afterwards  
Established in*

CORK-STREET, DUBLIN,

WITH THE

*ACCOUNTS*

OF THE

TRUSTEES,

AND

*TWO REPORTS*

OF THE

MANAGING COMMITTEE.

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Doct. J. Horne

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his very obed. serv<sup>t</sup>

and former pupil

R. Gamble



# ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS,

*&c.*



## I.

**T**HAT to relieve the destitute poor, afflicted with fever, and to check the progress of contagion, are the main objects of the proposed Institution.

## II.

That in order to carry the design fully into effect, we are of opinion, that the erection of a new building, adapted in its construction and all its arrangements for the specific purpose of a House of Recovery, would be more desirable than the fitting up any old buildings designed for other purposes.

## III.

That we consider manifest poverty and disease properly ascertained to the satisfaction of the Managing Committee (to be appointed as hereafter directed) and residence within a certain district (to be defined in the manner hereafter prescribed) as the only circumstances necessary to entitle a patient to admission, and we are of opinion that no recommendation of a subscriber should, on any account, be attended to, unless the above circumstances shall, after minute enquiry at the houses of the persons recommended, be found to concur.

IV. That

## IV.

That the procuring the ground, on which the House of Recovery shall be built, the erection of the building, and the providing the necessary Furniture, be entrusted to fifteen Trustees, in whom the property of the Institution shall be invested, without any other controul than that they shall permit the building to be used for the purpose of a House of Recovery or Fever Hospital, conformably to the general principles now agreed on.

## V.

That in the outset of the establishment, accommodation should be provided for the reception of at least forty patients: But if the funds of the Institution, whether arising from donations or annual subscriptions, should so far encrease as that a surplus shall remain after the above-mentioned accommodation shall have been provided for, the trustees shall be at liberty either to enlarge the establishment by providing accommodation for an additional number of fever patients, or in case such enlargement shall be deemed inexpedient, to such other measures as they shall deem most conducive to the health of the poor of this city; and in case the House of Recovery shall hereafter be discontinued, for the space of three years, the said trustees shall be at liberty to dispose of the property then in their possession, or the produce thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, in such manner as they shall judge most eligible.

## VI.

That the management of the Institution, the extent of the district from whence patients labouring under contagious fever may be admitted into the house, the appointment of physicians, nurses, and all the other officers and servants, be vested in a committee, consisting of the trustees, and six other persons to be elected annually by the governors.

VII. That

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That said Committee shall be fully competent to make all such rules and bye-laws (not inconsistent with the principles expressed in these resolutions) as may seem best fitted to carry the objects of the Institution fully into effect, as well for the internal regulation of the house and the admission of patients, as for preventing the spreading of contagion in the houses and neighbourhood from whence the patients shall have been removed, and for the introduction of such habits of cleanliness, as may diminish, if not destroy, the operation of those causes, that have contributed to make such an institution so necessary at the present time, and to disburse, from time to time, such sums as may be necessary for any of the above purposes.

## VIII.

That a donation of twenty guineas, paid in any one year, shall make the donor governor for life; and that annual subscribers of two guineas, or upwards, shall also be governors, provided that no such annual subscriber (after the first year) shall vote at the election of members of the managing committee, unless his name shall have been on the books of the Institution, as a subscriber, for one whole year previous to such election, and unless he shall have paid his subscription for the year, in which he shall tender his vote, together with all arrears thereof.

## IX.

That it shall be lawful for the Managing Committee, at any meeting, specially summoned for the purpose (not fewer than eleven members being present) to enlarge the sum necessary to constitute a governor.

X. That

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That when a vacancy or vacancies shall occur by the death or resignation of any of the trustees, any one of the remaining trustees shall have a power of convening the others, specifying the place, time, and purpose of the meeting, and giving three days notice thereof; and the trustees who shall meet in consequence of such notice (provided every trustee resident in the city of Dublin, shall have been summoned, and not fewer than five shall have been assembled together) shall be competent either to fill up such vacancy or vacancies, by the election of a new trustee or trustees, or to empower the governors to enlarge the number of managers to co-operate with the trustees by electing one or more additional managers as may seem best calculated to advance the purposes of the Institution, provided always, that the number of managers shall not be enlarged beyond the number of nine, nor the number of trustees reduced below the number of twelve, nor the whole number of the Committee beyond the number of twenty-one, by such proceeding.

## XI.

That in case of the insolvency, or general non-residence of any one or more of the trustees in the city of Dublin, or within ten miles thereof, the remaining trustees be, and they are hereby impowered (if they shall think it expedient so to do) to declare the place of such trustee or trustees vacant, and to proceed either to the election of a new trustee or trustees, or to enlarge the number of elective managers in the same manner, and subject to the same restrictions, as are contained in the foregoing resolution.

## XII. That



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That in case it shall be found by the experience of three years after the opening of the Hospital, that a committee of twenty-one members is not sufficient for conducting the business of the Institution, it shall be competent for the managing committee, specially summoned for the purpose, and not more than eleven being assembled together, to declare that a number of elective managers should be enlarged to any number not exceeding the number of trustees at the time, or to the number of said annually elected managers should be reduced to a number of not less than the original number of , as the exigency of the Institution may require.

## XIII.

That in case it shall be found expedient to enlarge the committee to the full number of thirty members, and the number of trustees shall have been reduced below the original number of fifteen, it shall be competent to the trustees, or any one of them, assembled in the manner described in the 10th resolution, to restore the original number of fifteen trustees in the manner herein before directed.

## XIV.

That it be an instruction to the Managing Committee to take special care that such a registry shall be kept of all their proceedings, whether within the walls of the House of Recovery, or without, as shall enable them at all times to exhibit to the public a detailed view of their progress; and that it be a standing rule of the Institution, that at the end of the year after the opening of the Hospital, and at the end of every succeeding year, an account of the annual income and expenditure, and all other particulars of their progress, shall be printed for the public information,

After

After the foregoing Resolutions had been passed, the Subscribers proceeded to elect fifteen Trustees by ballot, when the following persons were declared to be duly elected.

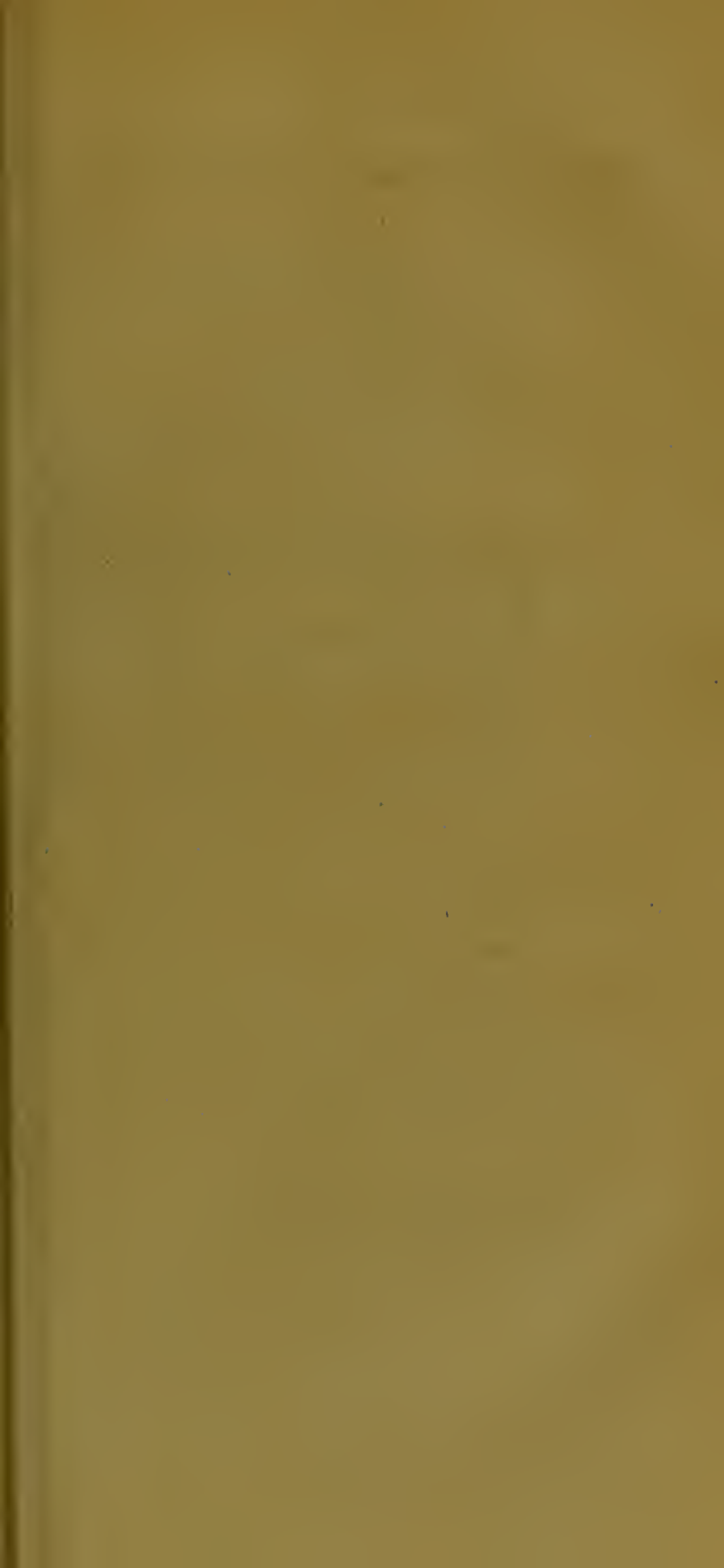
Edward Allen	John David Latouche
John Barrington	Randal Mac Donnell
Samuel Bewley	George Maquay
William Disney	J. L. Maquay
Thomas Disney	John Orr
Arthur Guinness, jun.	George Renny
William Harding	Luke White.
Lewis Hodgson	

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*House of Recovery, Cork-Street,*  
10th April, 1806.

The Trustees having fulfilled the Trusts committed to them by the 4th of the preceding Resolutions, and having handed over the balance remaining in their Hands to the Managing Committee, submit the following Account of their Expenditure to the Public:

*Account*



# *Account of the Expense of Erecting the House*

To Cost of Holdings in Cork-Street, £. s.  
 subject to 70l. 12s. —d.  
 per annum - - - 520 6 -

Building Fever and Conva-  
 lescent Wards and out

Offices, viz. £. s. d.

Bricklayers Work	-	3402	13	11	
Carpenters, do.	-	2051	15	5½	
Plasterers, do.	-	527	14	3	
Slators, do.	-	361	16	9½	
Stone Cutters, do.	-	1118	10	—	
Plumbers, do.	-	228	6	5½	
Glaziers, do.	-	66	9	4	
Painters, do.	-	134	2	4	
Smiths & Ironmongers, do.	-	291	17	8½	
Labourers, do.	-	312	3	3½	
	-				8495 9 6
Enclosing Ground	-				642 6 2
Clearing, do.	-				28 3 10
Sewer	-				222 15 10
Furniture	-				843 9 10
Rent and Taxes	-				162 15 2
Salaries	-				111 15 3
Incidental Expenses	-				180 13 11
Advertising	-				68 5 -
Printing and Stationary	-				42 13 3

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Balance of this Account transferred to  
 maintenance of Hospital. - -

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*Recovery and Fever Hospital in Cork-Street, Dublin.*

		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Amount of Parliamentary Grant							
1802, Nett	-	1455	—	—			
Ditto 1803	- -	499	12	11			
		<hr/>			1954	12	11
Subscriptions from the Public	- -	-	-	-	9337	4	7½
Profit on Purchase and Sale of public Securities	- -	-	-	-	37	5	6
Hay and After-Grass sold, deducting Expenses	- -	-	-	-	15	7	9½
Old Materials that were on Premises sold	-	-	-	-	6	3	8

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*First Report of the Managing Committee of  
the House of Recovery or Fever Hospital  
in Cork-Street, from its Commencement to  
the 4th January 1805, in pursuance of the  
14th of the Original Resolutions.*

THE House, the first stone of which was laid on the 24th day of April 1802, and calculated for the accommodation of 80 patients, was opened on the 14th May 1804.

The district, for the relief of which it was originally designed, comprised the five parishes of St. James, St. Catharine's, St. Audeon's, St. Luke's and St. Nicholas without, and a portion of each of the adjoining parishes of St. Michael's, St. John's and St. Peter's, and no patient has been received into the Hospital during this period, except such as were resident within the above limits.

The following is a statement of the numbers received into the Hospital during the above time :

Total admitted	-	-	422
Discharged cured	-	-	364
Died	-	-	30
Remained in the Hospital 5th January 1805	-	-	28—422

The fundamental principle of the Institution is, "To confine admission to the destitute Poor, labouring under contagious Fever."

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The mode of admission is rendered as simple as possible. No recommendation whatever is necessary. Printed tickets, with proper blanks for the names and residence of the patients, are dispersed at convenient stations throughout the district. The friends of any person attacked with fever, have nothing to do but to fill up the blanks and deposit one of the tickets in the box in the entrance door, in Cork-street, in consequence of which the patient is visited on the same or following day, by one of the Physicians of the establishment, and if the case appears to be of the proper description, he gives an order for his admission; on delivery of which, at the Hospital, a covered carriage, hung on springs, provided for this specific purpose, and on which the patient is conveyed on a bed in a recumbent posture, is immediately sent from the Hospital.

In the first month after the opening of the Hospital, several persons were received into the house in the last stage of the disease, when their case was perfectly hopeless, and baffled all the exertions of human skill. From this cause, the number of deaths at the commencement bore a considerably greater proportion to the whole number than at a later period, when the nature of the Institution and the mode of admission, became more generally known, and applications were consequently made in proper time for reception into the Hospital.

The following is the state of the funds from the commencement to the 5th January 1805:

*Account*

*Account of Income and Expenditure of the House  
Dublin, from the 14th of May, 1804,*

	£.	s.	d.
To Rent and Taxes of Premises	47	10	2½
Maintenance of Patients and Servants -	235	18	5½
House Bedding, Furniture, and Clothing	106	8	10
Salaries of Officers, Nurses, and Servants	267	16	2
Fuel, Soap, and Candles - -	161	6	10
Printing, Stationary, and Advertising -	49	—	8
Medicines, including Wine and Spirits -	79	9	10
Incidental Expenses - - -	49	16	6
Repairs and Alterations - -	57	7	7
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	1034	15	1
Excess of Income above Expenditure -	62	8	5½
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	1097	3	6½
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*Account of Property of the Institution, exclusive*

	£.	s.	d.
To Clothing, for Value on Hands - -	125	5	6
Horse, for Ditto - - -	17	1	3
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	142	6	9
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*of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork-Street,  
to the 4th of January 1805, inclusive.*

	£.	s.	d.
By Parliamentary Grant, nett	499	12	11
Subscriptions	574	9	3
Donations	2	5	6
Amount of Hay and Grass, deducting Expenses	20	15	10½

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*of Buildings, and Premises, the 5th January 1805.*

	£.	s.	d.
y Amount due Treasurer	79	18	3½
Nett Property of Institution	62	8	5½
	142	6	9

*Annual Report of the Managing Committee  
of the House of Recovery and Fever Hos-  
pital in Cork-Street, for the Year, ending  
the 4th January 1806.*

IN the commencement of the year 1805 (until the 14th May) the Managing Committee of the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital continued their operations within the same district, namely, the five parishes of St. James, St. Catharine's, St. Luke's, St. Audeon's and St. Nicholas without, and a very small portion of the adjoining parishes of St. John's, St. Peter's and St. Michael's.

During the period commencing 5th January and ending the 14th May 1805, there were received into the Hospital 225 patients. But the liberality of Parliament having encreased the grant during the last session from 500l. to 1000l. the Committee, on the 14th May 1805, came to a resolution to enlarge their district, and to take in patients labouring under contagious Fever, from all parts of the City of Dublin south of the Liffey, and within the Circular road.

From this extended district they have received into the Hospital, from the 14th May 1805 to 5th January 1806, 803 patients.

Total admitted from 5th January 1805 to 5th			
January 1806	-	-	1028
Of whom were discharged cured	-	874	
Died	-	97	
Remained in Hospital 5th January 1806	57	—	1028

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Their exertions, however, have not been confined within the walls of the Hospital, but in pursuance of their original plan, they have endeavoured to commence a system of external measures for checking the progress of contagion, by whitewashing and otherwise cleansing the apartments from whence patients have been received into the Hospital. In this department they have to acknowledge the prompt co-operation of the Managing Committee of the Sick Poor Institution, who undertook the whole labour and expense of this arduous duty, in the five parishes which compose their district, and the original district of the House of Recovery.—They likewise endeavoured to excite the attention of the several parishes of the extended district to this important subject, and to invite their co-operation in a more comprehensive plan for the purpose.—Nor have their efforts in this respect been destitute of success. However, as no system of general co-operation was yet ripe for execution, and as the labours of the Committee of the Sick Poor Institution could not embrace the whole of the extended district, the Managing Committee of the House of Recovery have thought it right, for the ensuing year, to take this business under their own immediate superintendence, and have accordingly hired two persons, whose principal duty it is, to proceed immediately on receiving a notification to that effect from the Physicians, to whitewash the apartments from whence patients are received.

And it having appeared, on the report of the Physicians, that patients afflicted with pulmonary complaints were liable to frequent relapses in consequence of being unprovided with sufficiently warm clothing, and that for the same reason it was necessary to detain them for a longer time in the convalescent wards of the Hospital, the Committee came to a resolution to

supply patients of that description with Flannel Waistcoats whenever the Physicians should report it to be expedient so to do, between the 1st November and the 1st May in any year.

*Committee for the present Year :*

Edward Allen,  
John Barrington,  
Samuel Bewley,  
William Disney,  
Thomas Disney,  
William English,  
Arthur Guinness,  
William Harding,  
Lewis Hodgson,  
John David La Touche,  
John Hone,

Joseph Hone,  
Randal Mac Donnell,  
George Maquay,  
J. L. Maquay,  
John Orr,  
Archibald Redford,  
George Renny,  
Edward Swanwick,  
Robert Vickers,  
Luke White.

The following is the state of the Funds from the 5th January 1805 to 5th January 1806:

*Account*



*Account of Income and Expenditure of the House  
Dublin, for the Year ending*

			£.	s.	d.
To Rent and Taxes of Premises	-	-	92	13	10
Maintenance of Patients and Servants	-	-	616	15	7
House-bedding, Furniture and Clothing	-	-	206	4	2
Salaries of Officers, Nurses and Servants	-	-	403	12	11
Fuel, Soap and Candles	-	-	197	10	4
Printing, Stationary and Advertising	-	-	73	4	10
Medicines, including Wine and Spirits	-	-	127	13	2
Incidental Expenses	-	-	84	1	4
Repairs and Alterations	-	-	68	2	6
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			1869	18	9
New Building for Laundry	-	-	270	—	—
Additional Furniture in consequence of Extension of District	-	-	183	12	10
Excess of Income above Expenditure	-	-	211	6	8
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			2534	18	4
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*Account of Property of the Institution, inclusive*

			£.	s.	d.
To Furniture for Sundries, paid for by Trustees	-	-	£ 843	9	10
Ditto, additional as above			183	12	10
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			1027	2	8
Clothing, Value on Hands	-	-	92	1	8
Medicine	-	-	11	12	1
Amount in Treasurer's Hands	-	-	132	19	5
Amount due for Hay and Grass sold	-	-	37	2	—
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			1300	17	10
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*Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork-Street, .  
of January 1806.*

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of Parliamentary Grant, nett	-	998	11 8
Subscription	-	1413	6 —
Donations	-	51	— 2
Balance of Account of Buildings, &c.	-	32	— 7
Amount of Hay and Grass, deducting Ex- penses	-	39	19 11

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*Buildings and Premises, the 5th January 1806.*

	£.	s.	d.
Nett Property of the Institution	-	1300	17 10
Said Property arises thus, viz.			
Balance of Stock last Year	- £ 62	8	5½
Furniture paid for by Trustees, and now transferred to ex- hibit the Accounts clear	-	843	9 10
Ditto purchased in consequence of extension	-	183	12 10
Excess of Income above Ex- penditure	-	211	6 8½
		1300	17 10

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